

Senate Resolution 591

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Community Assistance in Fire Emergencies Team of  
2 Statesboro, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Community Assistance in Fire Emergencies (C.A.F.E.) is a community  
4 volunteer unit associated with the Statesboro Fire Department assisting firefighters and  
5 victims of fire emergencies and evacuations; and

6 WHEREAS, the C.A.F.E. team consists of 30 volunteers who help provide immediate shelter  
7 to fire victims, provide assistance in contacting family or friends, serve as a connection to  
8 community social service providers, assist victims in securing their property from further  
9 loss, and equip them with information and resources to help begin the recovery process and  
10 rebuild their lives; and

11 WHEREAS, through the generosity of the Statesboro community, C.A.F.E. members have  
12 raised their own funds for necessary tools and equipment to provide services to fire victims  
13 and training to equip them with the skills needed in the emergency environment in which  
14 they perform aid; and

15 WHEREAS, the great success of C.A.F.E. and the outstanding service its volunteers provide  
16 to the Statesboro community since the group's first call for assistance on January 1, 2009, is  
17 a direct result of the leadership and guidance of the program's creators, Fire Chief Dennis  
18 Merrifield and Mr. Bill Taylor; and

19 WHEREAS, the loving support and kindness provided by the C.A.F.E. team serves as a  
20 shining example of citizenship and is worthy of recognition.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 commend the Community Assistance in Fire Emergencies team of Statesboro, Georgia, for

23 their unselfish and dedicated service to their community and state and extend their most  
24 sincere gratitude for assisting firefighters and fire victims.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Community Assistance in Fire  
27 Emergencies team.